

On-the-Job Training

earning to become a rabbi, like any profession, involves a combination of book learning and on-the-job training. Indeed, many of the pastoral, homiletical and leadership functions of a rabbi cannot be taught in a classroom. I know that only by functioning as a rabbinic intern in a safe and controlled environment could I myself take the first steps towards cultivating these skills. I clearly recall both the excitement and fear of my first sermons, first pastoral meetings, first adult education classes and first staff meetings as a rabbinic

intern. By learning the trade (and often making mistakes) under the watchful eye of a compassionate mentor and forgiving community, I was able to develop confidence and to find my own rabbinic voice. Years later, I look back on those experiences with fondness and profound gratitude.

It is thus with great joy that we welcome Ari Saks as our rabbinic intern this year. Many of you know Ari from his years as our Torah reader and the leader of our Shabbat morning parashat ha-shavua discussions. As a fourth-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Ari already boasts a track record of leadership. His work at Camp Ramah in the Poconos, his positions at CLAL and the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia and his experiences teaching students of all ages signal a bright future for this promising rabbi-to-be.

In addition to shadowing me and my rabbinic colleagues, Ari will take on a number of discrete roles in our congregational family. He is teaching in our Hebrew High School, working with our Havurah, and staffing the Day School families committee.



I hope that as we get to know Ari better, he will able to share his infectious love of *yiddishkeit* with more and more of us. Ari is excited to hear how he can serve the congregation, and I have no doubt that our membership will embrace Ari as the newest member of the rabbinic team.

I would be remiss if I did not also point out that Ari's presence in our community is yet another expression of our ongoing close relationship with the Jewish Theological Seminary. Park Avenue Synagogue's support of JTS enables the next generation of Jewish

educators, rabbis and cantors to be trained. Our home study evenings, visits from the Chancellor, Parasha Partnership program, and other opportunities to learn at the Seminary all reflect this vibrant relationship. The Resnick Internship program in which Ari is participating is yet another avenue for our community to be strengthened by association with JTS and for the students of JTS to be shaped by contact with our congregational family.

Finally, I am particularly excited to mentor Ari in the year ahead. My contact with Ari provides me with the opportunity to reflect aloud on the craft of the rabbinate and thus be more aware of my own efforts. By having Ari as an intern, I am able to repay the mentorship extended to me years ago by mentoring a future rabbi who will, please God, mentor another in the years ahead. Please read Ari's message on page 12. More importantly, greet him warmly in the hallways. Welcome Ari! We are so excited to bring you into our community this year.

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A Great Miracle Happened There, Great Miracles Happen Here!

anukkah is a holiday of miracles – the Hasmoneans (Maccabees) defeated the Assyrian Greeks; the Jews staved off assimilation into Hellenism; and a small cruse of oil kept the menorah in the Temple aflame for eight days. Each of these miracles is reflected in the traditional second blessing recited when we light the Hanukkah candles: Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh. "Praised are You Adonai our God, who rules the universe, who accomplished miracles for our

ancestors in ancient days, at this season." This blessing creates a historical relationship between our ancestors and us. The miracle of Hanukkah occurred many years ago at this time of year.

This blessing, however, could go further. A close look at a Conservative siddur reveals a nuanced change. The authors of our siddur added the single letter *vav*. The blessing now reads: *ba-yamim ha-heim u-va-z'man ha-zeh* — who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, *and in our time*. This version not only creates a historical relationship, but asserts that similar miracles continue in our times as well. We ask for partnership with God as we fight personal and communal adversities in the world today.

Hanukkah provides a new paradigm for our experience of God in the world. What are today's Jewish miracles? Certainly the creation of the State of Israel hearkens back to the Hanukkah story. The soldiers of 1948 who defeated multiple armies with



relatively sophisticated weapons were viewed as modern-day Maccabees. The *Al Ha-nissim prayer*, which is recited throughout Hanukkah (and on Purim) was reformulated to tell the events of 1948 and is recited during the Amidah on Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. Not all contemporary miracles are politically based. Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner of Temple Emanu-El in Closter, New Jersey, has said that JDate is a miracle of the modern Jewish world, because it curbs interfaith marriages. Our PAS food pantry feeding so many families is a

miracle. That hundreds of children enter Park Avenue Synagogue every week to learn and engage their Jewish souls is a miracle. What personal miracles would you add to this list? The birth of a child? Recovery from an illness? A promotion at work? Waking up each day?

Miracles certainly occurred at this season millennia ago, but they did not cease. Our theology insists that we are always writing new chapters in the ancient book that is Judaism. God's presence in our chapter is as pervasive as in the chapters that came before. In the Conservative movement, we couple this theology with an interpretive approach to liturgy, so that the motifs of Hanukkah are not only a link to our history, but also a testimony to our active and engaging partnership with $God - bayamim\ ha-heim\ u-va-z'man\ ha-zeh$, in the days of our ancestors and in our days.

Hag Urim Sameah!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 12, 2011

7th Annual Gala

An Evening Celebrating Park Avenue Synagogue Honoring Susan and David Edelstein Treasuring Tradition... Fostering Our Future!

An evening like this takes hard work and dedication from many. Please contact the Chairs if you would like to be involved.

Gala Chairs:

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Treasure our past, live your present, foster our future!

Park Avenue Synagogue is rich in traditions. We treasure our beautiful Shabbat services and liturgical music concerts; our commitment to daily morning minyanim and devotion to Jewish education; the scholarship of our clergy; our commitment to acts of hesed, lovingkindness, through Bikur Cholim and Tikkun Olam. As we thought about these traditions, we looked once again at the beautiful book Park Avenue Synagogue, *Unbroken Chain: Celebrating 125 Years*, created for our 125th anniversary two years ago. The book is the work of four dedicated congregants – Laurie

Harris, Marcia Stone, Jean Bloch Rosensaft and Joan K. Schefler. As we flipped through its pages, we were struck by how much of our current programming hearkens back to traditions established here over many decades. Consciously or unconsciously, we are repeating the devotion and commitment of those who came before us.

What are your interests? What gets you excited? Are you passionate about social justice? At our congregational Mitzvah Day in October, in addition to donating blood, making sandwiches for the homeless, sending packages to Israeli soldiers through the Lone Soldier program, rolling coins and packaging toiletries for Project Dignity, for the first time congregants could sign up for volunteer opportunities that will take place throughout the year. More than 70 congregants signed up on the spot! For information about future mitzvah opportunities and how to sign up yourself, see page 13.

If art is your passion, join our Gallery Committee. The Committee meets once or twice a year to review proposals and decide what exhibitions will be shown in our second floor gallery space. If music is your passion, consider joining the Congregational Singers, and don't miss our Cantors' Concert. Got the acting bug? You could become a Purim Spieler. Love

Israel? Attend an Israel-themed Adult Education program, and don a Park Avenue Synagogue t-shirt to march in the Salute to Israel Parade! Maybe this is your year to come on a congregational trip to Israel, see page 12. What about furthering your Jewish education? On pages 8 – 11 you'll see that the PAS calendar is packed with learning opportunities every day of the week and at all times of day. Find a class to suit your interests and your schedule. Do you love to dress up for dinner and dancing? Join us Saturday evening, March 12, when our

community will honor Susan and David Edelstein at our 7th Annual Gala. Do you hanker to work behind the scenes? Join the Gala Committee!

Do you like to pray with a community? See the list of Religious Services on page 5. Along with Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services, PAS has weekday morning and evening minyanim. Join us once a month for a lively Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service. Do you crave an informal, intimate Shabbat morning service? Come to our Havurah service. What about the Triple Crown? Our monthly Shabbat Dinner Series offers a Friday Night Musical Service, dinner, and a speaker, see page 11. In January, our Shabbaton offers all that plus worship and study during the day on Shabbat,

see page 11 again.

These activities are a small sample of the opportunities we have at Park Avenue Synagogue, many of them with roots in our beginnings as a Synagogue community, more than 125 years ago. Your participation will help PAS thrive and continue for the next 125 years and beyond. In this time of great change, it is our connection to our heritage that gives structure to our daily lives and shapes our hopes for the future. Treasure our past, live your present, and foster our future.

For additional information about our programs, visit www.pasyn.org. Also feel free to call the synagogue and talk to our staff about your interests. See the back of the Bulletin for a list of their names and departments.

If you would like a copy of Park Avenue Synagogue, Unbroken Chain: Celebrating 125 Years, please ask for one at the PAS office.

Know someone ill, elderly or homebound?



The PAS Bikur Cholim Caring Committee —in loving memory of Dr. Albert & Phyllis L. Cornell—fulfills the mitzvah of visting the ill by reaching out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120.

כסלו-טבת

Friday, December 3 26 Kislev 3rd night of Hanukkah – light Hanukkah candles before Shabbat candles. Candles, 4:11 pm

6:15 pm | Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service

Saturday, December 4 27 Kislev Parashat Mi-ketz 8:45 am | Parashat Hashavua 9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat service Bat Mitzvah of Cleo Rose Davidowitz, daughter of Laurie and James Davidowitz 9:30 am | Havurah

4:30 pm | Minha/Ma'ariv 4th night of Hanukkah – light Hanukkah

10:00 am | CS Zimriyah (Song Festival) candles after Shabbat has ended.

Friday, December 10 3 Tevet Candles, 4:11 pm 6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service with Children's Birthday Blessings

Saturday, December 11 4 Tevet Parashat Va-yiggash 9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat Service 9:30 am | Havurah 10:15 am | Junior Congregation Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Paige, daughter of Lori Paige & Jeffrey Paige **4:30 pm** | Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, December 17 10 Tevet Candles, 4:12 pm Tzom Asarah b'Tevet 5:00 pm | Young Family Friday Evening Service 6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service with blessing for Israel Trip

Parashat Va-v'hi 9:00 am | Sanctuary Shabbat Service (Note early start time; see p. 11.)

10:00 am | Shabbat B'Yachad (Gimel-Vav)

Saturday, December 18 11 Tevet

11:15 am | Young Family Shabbat services (*See page 14.*)

4:30 pm | Minha

Friday, December 24 17 Tevet Candles, 4:15 pm 6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service

Saturday, December 25 18 Tevet Parashat Sh'mot 9:15 am | Sanctuary Shabbat Service **4:30** *pm* | Minha/Ma'ariv

Friday, December 31 24 Tevet Candles, 4:20 pm 6:15 pm | Friday Evening Service

Special Services

Friday, December 3 | 6:15 pm

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with Congregational Singers

Approximately once a month, usually on the first Shabbat of the month, our Friday evening service is enhanced with additional musical instruments and song. This month, the Congregational Singers will add their voices, singing selections for Hanukkah and joining in the Shabbat prayers. Supported by the John & Jennifer Monsky Musical Traditions Fund.

Saturdays, December 4, 11 | 9:30 am Havurah החבורה

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service held in the Rothschild Library. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Friday, December 10 | 6:15 pm

Birthday Blessings הרכות

This family service includes Shabbat blessings, a small gift for birthday children, and a festive oneg Shabbat. For information, contact the Rabbis' office at 212-369-2600, x120.

Friday, December 17

Tzom Asarah b'Tevet

The Fast of the 10th of Tevet commemorates the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, which ultimately led to the destruction of the First Temple. (II Kings 25:1) In Israel, Kaddish is recited on this day for people whose date of death is unknown. Consequently, some rabbis have designated it as an additional day of remembrance for victims of the Holocaust.

Daily minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am. Ma'ariv Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Rozenfeld, and the synagogue choir with Neil Robinson at the organ. Cantor Azi Schwartz will join them on the bimah on the first two Shabbatot in December.

בנות מצוה B'not Mitzvah/

December 4 | Mi-ketz Cleo Rose Davidowitz



leo began her Jewish journey with her baby naming at PAS on Thanksgiving Day, 1998. She has supplemented her PAS Congregational School education with summer camp experiences at Camp Ramah in Nyack and Camp Modin in Maine. She enjoys celebrating Shabbat dinner with her

family and has created an English version of Shalom Aleikhem which the family has adopted!

Cleo is an avid ski racer and plays on a travel soccer team. She is interested in all subjects at Fieldston, where she is in 6th grade. She also enjoys creative writing and playing violin. Her non-academic interests range from fashion to farming. Cleo is a caring and enthusiastic older sister to Jonas and Tess and enjoys spending time with her extended family.

Her parasha, *Mi-ketz*, revolves around Joseph and his transformation. Through studying it, Cleo has thought long and hard about the type of person she would like to be. She will certainly continue various volunteer endeavors, which have included visiting seniors through DOROT and at Jewish Home and Lifecare on West 106th Street.

Cleo would like to thank her tutor Ronit, Cantor Abramson, Rabbi Rein and Rabbi Cosgrove for helping her prepare to become a Bat Mitzvah.

December 11 | Va-yiggash Hannah Paige



annah has been involved in the PAS Community her entire life. She was named at the synagogue, attended preschool at the ECC and continued her Jewish education at the Congregational School. She is currently in 8th grade at East Side Middle School, where she particularly enjoys

math and is an avid reader.

Outside of school Hannah has many interests. In fall and spring she plays soccer both for a travel soccer league and for her school. In winter she loves to ski. She spends summers at Camp Towanda, where she has developed many close friendships. Hannah has traveled in the U.S., Europe and Central America. She looks forward to continuing to see the world and especially to going to Israel one day.

Hannah is a loyal, generous friend and a caring person. She has donated her hair to Locks for Love, contributed to the Haiti Earthquake Relief fund on her own and spent time working on the Penny Harvest at school.

Hannah and her family thank the PAS teachers and clergy for her Jewish education and for helping her prepare for this special day when she becomes a Bat Mitzvah.

In their 50th anniversary concert in Carnegie Hall on October 31 / Rachelle & Howard Balaban – on the engagement of their son Matthew to Stacey Marmor, and to Matthew & Stacey / Anna Gerb and Michael Bederman – on the birth of their son Levi Dylan Bederman, and to big brother Avery / Beth & Jared Greisman, Matthew and Rebecca – on the birth of their son and brother / Jennifer & Sanford Smokler – on the birth of their son Maxwell Leonard, and to big sister Karoline /

ברוכים הבאים New Members / Daniel & Tara Agroskin / Ariel & Lauren Boyman Scott & Laurie Krasik / Marc Rosenblatt & Kathleen Halton / Philip & Tracy Ross / Ronni Rubin Bolger / Pauline Zablow Marlene Zausner /

mother, Doris Braun / Bernard Goldberg, Helene & Marvin Torker, and Caryl & Marvin Kolkin on the loss of their mother and mother-in-law, Elsie Goldberg / Marc & Jennifer Lipschultz, Andrew, Jack and Charles on the loss of Marc's mother, Sybil Lipschultz / Allan & Nancy Schulman and family on the loss of his mother, Edna Schulman / Wendy and Howard Slavin and Samantha on the loss of Wendy's father, Robert J. Saex / Benjamin & Susan Winter on the loss of his mother, Eleanor Winter /



HANUKKAH 5771 at PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE

Thursday, December 2	7:00 pm Episodes of Srugim (See page 10.)
	7:30 pm YCG Annual Latke-Vodka Hanukkah Party (See page 10.)
Friday, December 3	6:15 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat with the Congregational Singers (See page 5.)
	7:30 pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner with Ruth Messinger (See page 11.)
Sunday, December 5	9:00 am Men's Club Learning Minyan, followed by Bagel Brunch (See page 10.)
	1:00 pm Family Art Workshop with Ellen Alt (See page 15.)
	2:00 pm Latke-Making Extravaganza (See page 15.)
	3:00 pm Jacob Stein and the Bakery Band (See page 15.)
	4:00 pm YCG Hanukkah Cookie Decorating (See page 15.)
Sunday, December 12	11:00 am Project Ezra Post-Hanukkah Party (See page 10.)
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Candlelighting

eginning at the far right, put the candles in the Hanukkiah from right to left, the direction of Hebrew writing. Light the candles from left to right, so each night you light the newest candle first.

If possible, place the Hanukkiyah	in a window, so that it is visible from outsice	le the house.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִנֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר שֶׁל חֲגַכָּה.	Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel hanukkah.	Praised are You Adonai, our God who rules the universe, who made us holy by giving us mitzvot, and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.
בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם,	Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu	Praised are You Adonai, our God who

שֶׁעָשָּׁה נִסִּים לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֶם וּבַיִּמַן הַזֶּה. First Night Only

melekh ha-olam sheh asah nissim la'avoteinu ba-yamim ha-hem u-vaz'man ha-zeh.

God who rules the universe, who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, כְּ שֶׁהֶחֶיֵנוּ וְקִיְמֵנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, sheh-heh-heyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You Adonai, our God who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this time of year.

Mitzvah Opportunity Sponsored by UJA@PAS

Hats for Hanukkah

Sunday, December 5

Please bring new winter hats, gloves and scarves for a teenager or young adult to the synagogue on Sunday, December 5. The items will be given to teenagers and young adults served by Westchester Jewish Community Services, a UJA-Federation beneficiary agency.



Hanukkah Trivia: Among Judeo-Spanish communities in the past, the Shabbat of Hanukkah was known as Shabbat Halbasha (the Shabbat of Clothing the Poor). People brought clothes to the synagogue to be distributed on Rosh Hodesh Tevet. (Dobrinsky, Herbert C. A Treasury Of Sephardic Laws and Customs, 1986)

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ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

For more information about adult classes and events, please consult the Fall Program Calendar or visit www.pasyn.org.



Monday (no sessions on December 27)

6:20 pm | Hebrew 101 | Dina Mann

6:20 pm | Hebrew 103 | Vivian Nissan

7:30 pm | Hebrew 102 | Dina Mann

7:30 pm | Hebrew 104 | Varda Hubara

7:30 pm | MASA'OT: Journeys Into Judaism

Tuesday

8:00 am | Essential Essays | Rabbi Cosgrove (no session on December 21 and December 28)

11:30 am | Contemporary Jewish Thought | Rabbi Rein (no session on December 28)

Wednesday (no sessions on December 29)

6:45 pm | Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

7:15 pm | Adult Bat Mitzvah | C. Nancy Abramson & R. Julia Andelman

Thursday (no sessions on December 30

9:15 am | Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

12:00 pm | Library Lunch & Learn | Rabbi Rein

Friday

8:00 am | Talmud Torah | Rabbi Rein

Shabbat/Saturday

8:45 am | Parashat HaShavua | Rabbi Rein



Click to read the rabbis' sermons; learn about PAS history, staff, and lay leadership; and view the PAS calendar and schedule of religious services. You can also update your PAS account, register online for events, and get up-to-the-minute information about PAS programs. Bookmark www.pasyn.org to stay connected to the PAS community!



Biweekly

Horim 101

Tuesdays | December 14 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm Rabbi Steven Rein | RSVP

Horim ("parents") is a group for parents of children ages 0-5 who are looking to infuse Judaism and Yiddishkeit into their homes.

RSVP to Craig Demarest at cdemarest@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x111.

Israel: A Jewish Choice

A Six-Part Lecture Series with Dr. Kenneth Stein Final session on Tuesday, December 14 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm

The series will close with a discussion of the future of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Dr. Kenneth Stein is Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israeli Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, where he founded and developed the Institute for the Study of Modern Israel.

Monthly/Bimonthly

Sponsored by WEG

Moonbeams

Monday, December 6 | 7:30 pm | in honor of Rosh Hodesh Tevet

For location & readings, contact Joann Rosoff at joannrosoff@aol.com.

Foundations of Jewish Family Living

A Learning Program for Congregational School Parents

Tuesday | December 7 | 5:00 pm | Rabbi Neil Zuckerman | RSVP

Wednesday | December 8 | 5:00 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove | RSVP

RSVP to Phyllis Spiro at pspiro@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x131.

Caffeine for the Soul: Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Cosgrove

Friday, December 10 | 9:15 - 10:00 am | RSVP

RSVP to lifelonglearning@pasyn.org.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 13 | 11:00 am | Facilitator: Renée Waldinger Book: *Wartime Lies* by Louis Begley

This riveting novel focuses on the adventures of a young Jewish boy and his aunt, who fled Poland during World War II, while their family tried to survive by passing as Christians.

For more information and a reading list for the year, please call Renée at 212-860-4308.

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 13 | 8:00 pm | Facilitator: Pat Davidson Book: To the End of the Land by David Grossman

This most recent novel by the acclaimed Israeli author has received much attention in the press. Read it, and join the discussion.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Sholom Aleichem Yiddish Club

Tuesday, December 14 | 1:00 pm

Our heimishe group focuses on Yiddish conversation and culture—poetry, stories, music, drama, and film. Whether you know just a few words of Yiddish or speak fluently, please join us for an interesting and enjoyable time.

For more information and a schedule of meetings, please call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

Social Justice Study Group

Thursday, December 16 | 7:30-9:00 pm | Rabbi Julia Andelman | RSVP Explore our responsibility to help those in need, through classical and contemporary Jewish texts.

To RSVP and/or to volunteer to host a meeting, email lifelouglearning@pasyn.org or call 212-369-2600 x121.

ADULT EDUCATION & EVENTS

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Film

Sponsored by the Edmond de Rothschild Library

Episodes of Srugim

Thursday, December 2 | 7:00 pm

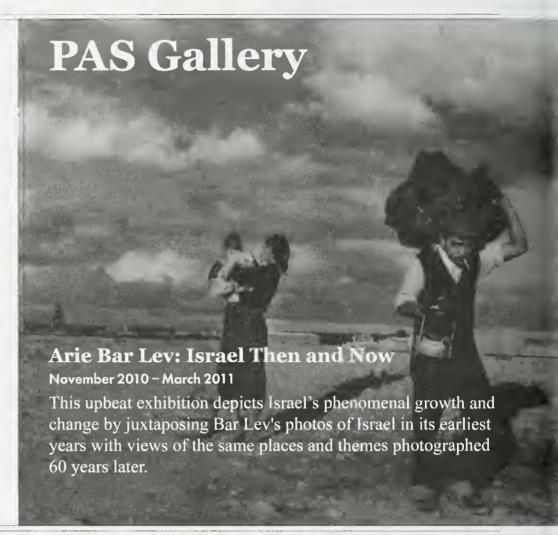
Make like an Israeli on the 2nd night of Hanukkah! We'll light candles, snack on sufganiyot, and watch three episodes of the popular Israeli television series Srugim. Called the Israeli "Friends," the program follows a group of modern Orthodox young adults who are struggling to date and make a living, while remaining religiously observant.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Lunch/Film/Discussion

Broadway: The American Musical, Part 3 Tuesday, December 21 | 1:00 pm

Despite the economic conditions of the Great Depression, the years from 1930-1942 were a time of sparkling creativity on Broadway, where many of the leading figures both on and offstage were Jews.



One-Time Events

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Annual Vodka & Latke Hanukkah Party – with Toy Collection

Thursday, December 2 | 7:30 - 9:30 pm | RSVP

Hanukkah parties are not just for kids. There will be plenty of both vodka and latkes for everyone at this festive celebration! Have a good time and do a mitzvah – bring a new toy appropriate for a child aged 6 & up. The toys will be distributed through the Jewish Child Care Association – Mental Health and Preventive Service Programs, a beneficiary of UJA-Federation of NY. Party location: Session 73, 1359 1st Avenue (at 73rd St). Cost: \$36/person.

RSVP to rsvpycg@gmail.com.

Sponsored by Men's Club

Learning Minyan & Bagel Brunch

Sunday, December 5 | Service at 9:00 am | Brunch at 10:00 am | RSVP Michael Miller, Vice President and CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of New York, will speak about Israel, the Obama Administration, and the new political reality in Washington. Free for Men's Club members, \$5 for guests

RSVP to jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com. Bring hats, gloves and scarves for the Hats for Hanukkah project (see page 7).

Co-sponsored by-Men's Club, UJA@PAS and Tikkun Olam

Project Ezra Post-Hanukkah Party at PAS

Sunday, December 12 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | RSVP

Together with Rabbi Neil Zuckerman, Men's Club and students from the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School, serve a festive meal to the elderly clients of Project Ezra, an independent, grassroots organization that serves more than 400 mostly homebound Jewish elderly living on the Lower East Side. Appropriate for teens and above.

RSVP to jdolinsky@nyc.rr.com or Lisa Siegal, Lsiegal1@nyc.rr.com.

Sponsored by Sisterhood

Tour the Whitney Museum exhibition Modern Life: Edward Hopper and His Time

Thursday, December 16 | 1:00 pm | RSVP

Edward Hopper (1882-1967) is considered one of the greatest painters of modern urban life. All are welcome to a guided tour of an exhibition featuring the work of Hopper and other important American artists of the 20th century. Cost, \$20. Meet at 12:45 pm in the lobby of the The Whitney Museum, Madison Avenue at 75th Street.

RSVP by December 9 to Helen Agress at 212-362-1233.

Shabbat Events

Shabbat Dinner Series

Our Shabbat Dinner Series gives congregants an opportunity to join together in prayer, share a meal as a community, and hear from noted scholars and rabbis on topics of social, intellectual, and spiritual interest. Our monthly Musical Kabbalat Shabbat service, supported by the John and Jennifer Monsky Musical Traditions Fund, begins at 6:15 pm, followed by dinner at approximately 7:30 pm.

Registration is required by the Tuesday before the dinner. Space is limited. Cost: \$35/menubers, \$45/non-members. Register online at http://pasyn.org/lifelong-learning/adult-education. Those without email call 212-369-2600, x121. Reservations may be cancelled until noon on Thursday for a refund or credit. If you cancel after this time, we unfortunately cannot issue credits or refunds. Babysitting available upon request.



Shabbat Dinner with Ruth Messinger December 3

Topic: We Can and We Must: The Jewish Imperative of Global Social Justice

How can American Jews, who enjoy greater affluence and influence than ever before, do our part to alleviate poverty, hunger, violence, disease and oppression

as global citizens? Through the words of dedicated Jews from communities across the country, learn about the enormous transformative impact volunteering and advocacy can make in the modern era. By embracing our obligation to assist all people in need, we have the capacity to ensure social justice for coming generations and to contribute tangibly to the task of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Ruth W. Messinger is president of American Jewish World Service. AJWS works to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease in the developing world, making grants to over 400 grassroots projects. A national leader in the movement to end the genocide in Sudan, Ruth has been called upon as an advisor to the Obama administration.

Sponsored by the Singles Committee

Oneg Shabbat Singles Get-Together

Friday, December 10 | 7:30 pm (after services)

Louis Jacobs – The Limits of Orthodoxy and the Future of Conservative Judaism

Second in a 3-Part Lecture Series with Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove
Shabbat/Saturday | December 18 | Services at 9:00 am

Shabbat services will begin 15 minutes earlier than usual. Immediately after services, at 11:00 am, Rabbi Cosgrove will speak, presenting his research on Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs. A communal Kiddush will follow the lecture.

Save the Date! And stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

Shabbaton 2011

Friday, January 28 – Saturday, January 29

This year's Shabbaton will explore interfaith relations and interreligious dialogue in America today. In addition to activities and entertainment for PAS members of all ages, we are honored to present three esteemed speakers – leaders in their fields and experts on the challenges of and strategies for successful interfaith dialogue in the 21st century.



Reuven Firestone • Rabbi Dr. Reuven Firestone is professor of medieval Judaism and Islam at Hebrew Union College and founder and co-director of the Center for Muslim-Jewish Engagement. He has written over eighty scholarly articles and seven

books, including Who Are the Real Chosen People? The Meaning of Chosenness in Judaism, Christianity and Islam; An Introduction to Islam for Jews; and Jews, Christians, Muslims in Dialogue: A Practical Handbook.



Diana Eck • "America's foremost researcher and educator about America's new religious diversity" –NEH • Dr. Diana Eck is professor of Comparative Religion at Harvard and director of the Pluralism Project. Her most recent book is A New Religious

America: How a "Christian Country" Has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation. She is a past-president of the American Academy of Religion and a recipient of the National Humanities Medal from President Clinton.



Akbar Ahmed • "The world's leading authority on contemporary Islam" –BBC • Dr. Akbar Ahmed is the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington, D.C. He has written over a dozen books, including Journey into Islam: The Crisis

of Globalization, and Journey into America: The Challenge of Islam. He has also written or produced several critically acclaimed plays, films, and TV series on Islam and religion.

Library

Edmond de Rothschild Library

Monday through Thursday 12:00 – 6:30 pm, Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Librarian Marga Hirsch is generally in the Library at other times as well – feel free to stop by with questions or for book recommendations! The room is always open, with instructions on the desk for how to check out books in Marga's absence.

Where the Past and the Present Meet

n a few days we will light candles to celebrate Hanukkah, recalling the miracle of a single day's supply of oil lasting for eight days. In the traditional blessing for lighting the candles, we praise God for performing this miracle "in those days at this season," bayamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh. One possible meaning of this blessing is that through the ritual of lighting candles, we are reconstituting in this moment the transcendent substance of the miracle that happened in those days. That is to say, the performance of the Hanukkah ritual renews the miracle of Hanukkah in our day.

Every day of the Jewish calendar affords similar opportunities to renew the miracles and blessings of our past in the present by means of rituals. Some rituals, like lighting Hanukkah candles, we know how to do. Others, like the recitation of daily prayers and the chanting of Torah and Haftarah, may not come so easy. But with time, effort and guidance we all can be empowered to



perform these mitzvot ourselves.

There are many opportunities in the synagogue for people of all ages and skill levels to perform these mitzvot. In addition to my responsibilities with the Havurah, with Day School families, and with daily minyanim, I would like to help empower you to take ownership of them for the benefit of your continued Jewish growth and to enrich the synagogue community. Taking an active role in our worship services is an extremely rewarding experience. It binds our past to our present and

identifies us as bearers of Jewish tradition.

Simply by lighting candles on Hanukkah, we are able to experience the miracle of "those days at this time." Let the glow of the candles be a reminder that all year round there are opportunities to bring our past into our present. With some effort and guidance, these opportunities can become as easy as lighting candles.

ANNOUNCING

Adult Learning Israel Trip

with educational content provided by the Melton Israel Seminar

WHEN? May 28 - June 6, 2011

(Or choose to extend your trip and depart on an additional PAS group flight on May 25)

WHO? All participants in PAS adult education programs. WHY?

- See Israel as you never have before. With the facilitation of outstanding educators, join other motivated adult learners to experience intensive, thematic on-site text study in small, interactive groups.
- Strengthen and build relationships with fellow PAS members.
- Reinforce our community's commitment to Israel.
- Go beyond the typical tourist experience for a deeply substantive exploration of the land and people of Israel in all their complexity.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Come to an **Information Session**:

Tuesday, December 14 | 6:45 - 7:30 pm | RSVP

RSVP to melton@pasyn.org

NOTE: Information sessions for current Melton students will be held during class on Wednesday, December 15 and Thursday, December 16.

Celebrating a simha?

A BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, NEW GRANDCHILD, OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE GRATEFUL?

Sponsor a breakfast kiddush any weekday after the morning minyan.

For more information, contact
Sam Rosenberg at 212-369-2600, x105
or srosenberg@pasyn.org.

Mitzvot of the Month

Mitzvah Day 2010 Launches a Year of Volunteering

ust as Abraham was commanded by God to "extend the boundaries of righteousness and justice in the world" (Gen. 18:19), so PAS is extending the boundaries of righteousness and justice in our community with a program of monthly volunteering opportunities called *Mitzvot of the Month*. Launched on Mitzvah Day, *Mitzvot of the Month* offers the PAS community opportunities to volunteer with agencies helping the poor, the elderly, children in need, the homeless, the hungry and the sick, as well as activities to deepen our community's commitment to the environment and to honoring our past. Each

"A Jew should always identify with the cause of defending the aggrieved, whoever the aggrieved may be, just as the concept of *tzedek* is to be applied uniformly to all humans regardless of race or creed." —*Rabbi Aharon Soloveichik*

event will have a "captain" from our community, and a member of the clergy or senior staff will also participate. *Mitzvot of the Month* will be listed on the Social Action & Social Justice page of each month's Bulletin. You can also sign up to receive a monthly email message announcing the *Mitzvot of the Month*. (Go to www.pasyn.org; under Our Events, click on Email Sign-up.) Stay tuned.

VKW Mitzvah Day 2010 Acomplishments

Our community rallied to help those most in need on Mitzvah Day 2010! A huge thank you to all who came to lend a hand. Look at what we achieved:

- 650 Polartec fleece scarves made for the clients of the PAS Food Pantry, Project Ezra and DOROT*
- **500** books collected to rebuild the children's library at the Henry Ittleson Center, a residential home for children who have experienced early trauma*
- 400 toiletry bags for the homeless clients of the Yorkville Common Pantry
- **400** lunches packed for the homeless clients of Coalition for the Homeless
- 150 tissue boxes for elderly clients of Jewish Home Lifecare*
 - 90 gift bags for elderly clients of Project Ezra and DOROT*
 - 80 volunteers signed up at the Action Booth to volunteer throughout the year
 - **50** gift bags for lone soldiers serving in the Israel Defense Forces
 - 50 soup cans collected for the elderly clients of Project Ezra
 - 38 units of blood collected
 - **7** boxes of children's clothing for the family clients of Room to Grow

Mitzvot of the Month: December 5771

☐ Care for the Poor

Thursday, December 2 | 7:30 pm
Toy Collection for Hanukkah
Sponsored by Young Couples Group
(See page 10.)

- "Study Leads to Action" #1*

 Friday, December 3 | 7:30 am 1:00 pm | RSVP

 Shabbat Dinner with Ruth Messinger

 (See page 11.)
- Clothe the Needy
 Sunday, December 5 | all day
 Hats for Hanukkah
 Sponsored by UJA@PAS
 (See page 7.)

☐ Feed the Hungry #1

Sunday, December 12 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | RSVP
Project Ezra Post-Hanukkah Party
Co-sponsored by Men's Club, UJA@PAS and Tikkun Olam
(See page 10.)

☐ "Study Leads to Action" #2*

Thursday, December 16 | 7:30 am Social Justice Study Group (See page 9.)

\square Feed the Hungry #2

Sunday, December 19 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | RSVP Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty* Co-sponsored by UJA@PAS and Tikkun Olam (See page 16.)

*Our sages said, "...study leads to action." —Babylonian Talmud, Kiddushin 40b

Park Avenue Synagogue offers three different Shabbat morning programs for families with young children: Tot Shabbat, Shorashim, and Nitzanim. Each of these programs begins with Shabbat songs and continues with a short service that includes singing and dancing. After a story, we finish with Kiddush and a light snack. On some Shabbatot, we end by joining the rest of the congregation for the final song in the sanctuary.

Tot Shabbat

For families with children 0 – 3
Saturday, December 18
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Roam 508
Leader: Jady Prusan

Children are expected to attend these services with an adult.

Shorashim

For families with children 3 – 4
Saturday, December 18
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Room 408
Leader: Matt Check

Children are expected to attend these services with an adult.

Nitzanim

For children 5 – 8
Saturday, December 18
11:15 am – 12:00 pm
Room 308
Leader: Hadar

Children are expected to attend these services with an adult.

Young Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner | Friday, December 17 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Families with children 0-6 are invited to join our clergy for a family-friendly Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed immediately by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short program. Cost: \$35/members, \$45/non-members, \$15/children. Space is limited.

To reserve, go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the link. Cancellations with refund (or credit towards another dinner) until noon on Wednesday, December 15.

Sign up for Spring Semester: February 1 – June 3

The Department of Young Family Education offers two classes for children ages Newborn to 3 years, accompanied by a parent, a grandparent or a caregiver. Classes foster a commitment and love for Jewish life, culture and tradition and help young children and their families to feel at home at the synagogue. Cost: PAS members, \$615 per child/semester, Non-members, \$715 per child/semester.

Kitah Rishonah (First Class)

Ages: Newborn to 11/2

This class is designed for families who want to have a formative Jewish experience with their children through music. We will sing kid-friendly songs for Shabbat, holidays and everyday.

Tuesdays: 10:00 am — 11:00 am 11:00 am — 12:00 pm

HaMishpachah Sheli (My Family)

Ages: $1\frac{1}{2} - 3$

This class explores Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts & crafts and free play.

Fridays: 9:30 am — 10:30 am
10:30 am — 11:30 am
11:30 am — 12:30 pm

To register go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. You will find the registration form there. For more information, contact Matt Check, Director of Young Family Education, at mcheck@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600, x140.



Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

Kids' Shabbat Book Basket

On Shabbat, look for the book basket near the ushers in the Sanctuary. There are Jewish books for children of all ages to look at while sitting quietly in their seats in the synagogue. Let your children enjoy the books during services and return them so that others may read them next week.

Family Hanukkah Events

Coming Up – A Winter to Remember!



Jason Oppenheimer Director of Youth Activities & Rabbi Judah Nadich HS

rrr ... it's cold outside! With Hanukkah upon us and the school holiday vacation approaching quickly, it's safe to say that Winter has arrived. But we aren't letting the chilly temperatures dampen our

ruach for exciting youth programming! We have much to look forward to from latke-making to bowling and ice-skating to a Knicks game and much more!

High School students – remember that we have weekly opportunities to be involved with social action projects at PAS, including our Food Pantry and our Madrichim (teacher's assistant) program. There's also a once-a-year opportunity for gemilut hasadim, acts of loving kindness, at the Project Ezra Post-Hanukkah party.

All in all, this is going to be a winter to remember!



Hanukkah, oh Hanukkah, Let's Have a Party!

Latke-Making Extravaganza

Sunday, December 5 | 2:00 - 3:00 pm

for students in grades K – 2

Bring hats, gloves, and scarves for Hats for Hanukkah. Compete in a dreidel spinning tournament and make your own latkes. Stay afterwards for an exciting musical performance by Jacob Stein! (See below.)

Project Ezra Post-Hanukkah Party

Sunday, December 12 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm | RSVP

A mitzvah opportunity for High School students! As we do every year, join Men's Club members to serve a festive meal to 100 lower-income Jewish seniors from the Lower East Side and to entertain our guests.

Ice Skating in the Park!

Sunday, January 16, 2011 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm for students in grades 3 – 5

We'll make our own winter wonderland as we go ice skating in Central Park. We'll dress warmly and bring our own hot chocolate – it doesn't get much better than that! Bring your friends, bring your parents. This is going to be a great afternoon!

Let's Go Knicks!

Sunday, January 30, 2011 | 7:00 - 10:30 pm for students in grades 6 – 8

Meet at Madison Square Garden to watch the New York Knickerbockers take on the Detroit Pistons! With the addition of Amare Stoudamire to the lineup, the Knicks are a force to be reckoned with in the Eastern Conference. Let's all lend our support!

Hanukkah Art Workshop

Sunday, December 5 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Join Artist in Residence Ellen Alt and Young Family Education Director Matt Check for this annual event. We'll decorate a large hanukkiah as well as make Hanukkah pictures for your homes!

Jacob Stein and the Bakery Band (with Puppets!)

Sunday, December 5 | 3:00 - 4:00 pm | RSVP

www.pasyn.org

Puppets and music will have you dancing and singing to traditional and new Hanukkah songs alike!

To RSVP go to www.pasyn.org and click on Young Family Education. Under Upcoming Events, click on the link.

Sponsored by Young Couples Group

Hanukkah Cookie Decorating & Pizza Dinner

Sunday, December 5 | 4:00 pm | \$18/person | RSVP With their parents' help, children will learn about Hanukkah by decorating sugar cookies in the shapes of holiday symbols. Enjoy a pizza supper before munching on the cookies.

RSVP to rsvpycg@gmail.com. For more information, contact Erica Wohlstadter at esiegel16@yahoo.com or Alexandra Kwiat at alexandra.kwiat@gmail.com. Cost: \$18/person to cover cookie supplies and pizza.

Remember Hats for Hanukkah! (See page 7.)



212-369-2600 December 2010 Kislev/Tevet 5771

CS Program Schedule

Saturday, December 4
Tuesday, December 7
Wednesday, December 8
Thursday, December 9
Saturday, December 11
Sunday, December 12
Monday, December 13
Tuesday, December 14
Saturday, December 18
Sunday, December 19

10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Zimriyah (Song Festival)

5:00 – 5:45 pm | Foundations of Jewish Living | Rabbi Zuckerman

5:00 – 5:45 pm | Foundations of Jewish Living | Rabbi Cosgrove

6:30 – 8:00 pm | Bar/Bat Mitzvah Handbook orientation for parents of Vav students.

9:15 am – 12:15 pm | Junior Congregation and classes for grades Gimel – Vav.

Zayin students and parents visit the New York Tolerance Center – Details to follow.

NO SCHOOL | Parent – Teacher conferences | 4:00 – 7:30 pm

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10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Shabbat B'Yachad for Gimel – Vav students and parents

Winter break begins | NO SCHOOL until January 3, 2011

Tavim

The Park Avenue Synagogue Youth Choir
Wednesdays when CS is in session | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Led by Cantor Elana Rozenfeld and Brian Gelfand

Come Sing! *Hava Nashirah!* Tavim (the Hebrew word for musical notes) is open to any member of PAS from grade 3 and up. We will learn music for Shabbat, holidays, and just for fun. Tavim singers will have many opportunities to perform at services and special celebrations during the year.

For more information or to join, contact Cantor Elana Rozenfeld at erozenfeld@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 x126.

UJA@PAS

Co-sponsored with Tikkun Olam

Feed the Hungry

Sunday, December 19 | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | RSVP 385 Third Avenue (between 27th & 28th Streets)

Cantor Nancy Abramson will be among the PAS volunteers serving a hot lunch to the elderly residents of a Metropolitan NY Council on Jewish Poverty apartment building. We will prepare the dining facility, serve the meal, and chat with residents. The MetNY Council on Jewish Poverty is one of the city's largest human services agencies, providing over 100,000 New Yorkers with critical services in their fight against poverty. Appropriate for ages 5 and above.

RSVP to Lisa Dessler at ldessler@gmail.com

Made possible by a UJA Partners in Caring grant

Onsite Social Work Support for PAS Seniors, Families and their Caregivers

Contact DOROT social worker Katie Weinberger, LMSW, who holds office hours at PAS on Thursdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Katie at 212-769-2850 or kweinberger@dorotusa.org, or Rabbi Rein at srein@pasyn.org or at 212-369-2600, x124.

Navigating Mental Health Care for Children and Adolescents

If you are concerned about your child's emotional well-being, the Jewish community is here to help. UJA-Federation's Mental Health GPS (Guiding Parents through Services) helps families find the best course of comprehensive mental health services, including community programs, public and private health practitioners, mentoring and school-based programs, and hospital-based support. A family resource specialist will guide you through the mental-health system and serve as an advocate and supportive voice.

For more information, please contact Meredith Levine at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services at 212-632-4668. She can answer questions, schedule a case assessment and make follow-up recommendations.

Support Groups to Cope with Loss

The JBFCS Jewish Bereavement Support Group Program offers a safe, structured, and confidential environment to recognize and respect your own grief process and understand the emotional, physical and spiritual impacts of loss. The Shira Ruskay Center offers support groups specific to different relationships including those mourning the loss of a parent, child (young or adult), spouse/partner or a loved one by suicide.

For more information, please contact the Shira Ruskay Center at 212-632-4608 or www.shiraruskay.org.

Kol Nidre Appeal 2010/5771

n behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, thank you to all who have donated to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal through September 29. Your generous gifts support the spiritual renewal and sense of community at Park Avenue Synagogue led by Rabbi Cosgrove together with our other inspiring clergy.

We hope you found the High Holy Day season meaningful, enjoyable and inspirational. Now that our Fall program season is in full swing, we hope that you are taking opportunities to worship, study, celebrate, and become involved in the life of our synagogue community year-round.

The annual Kol Nidre Appeal is one of our most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaigns; the funds that are raised help the synagogue operating budget in countless ways. This year we are under continued financial pressure because:

- Membership dues account for less than 40% of our operating budget; tuition accounts for another 39%, leaving 21% to be raised from contributions.
- We have important capital expenditures that are necessary to preserve and improve our facilities.
- The economic situation continues to put financial pressure on many of our members.

More than ever, we need your generous gifts. Jewish tradition teaches that every member of a community is expected to contribute to the welfare of the community. Even those who benefit from communal funds are expected to contribute in order to help others. We hope that those who are able to do so will step up for those who are less able to now but who have supported the Synagogue in the past and will again in the future. In the spirit of these traditions, we look for 100% participation in the Kol Nidre Appeal.

Again, heartfelt thanks to those who have already given, whose names are listed below. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to make a Kol Nidre pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

B'shalom,

Howard J. Rubin, Vice President

Hrene y. Plubi

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Bible Fund

Ronnie & David Parker, in memory of his mother, Beatrice D. Parker

Harry Krieger, in honor of three wonderful women who have been of great help to me, Marlene Muskin, Laura Medine and Diane Jaffe.

Congregational School Fund

Suzette, Andres, Noah & Alexa Rubinstein, in memory of Drora Mike, sister of Ron Koas. Suzette, Andres, Noah & Alexa Rubinstein, in memory of Nathan Prusan, father of Jody

Rabbi Cosgrove's Discretionary Fund

E.J. Borrack, in memory of Willy Martin, beloved father of Neva Martin Anton. E.J. Borrack, in memory of Edith Zitwer, beloved mother of Mary Zitwer Millman. Dr. Elie & Elana Kobrin, in lionor of the Bris of our son Leo Jacob Kobrin.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Meltzer.

David & Ellen Phillips.

Graetz Israel Fund

Dr. Howard & Shereen Rutman, in honor of Rabbi David & Susan Lincoln's baby

Dr. Howard & Shereen Rutman, in honor of Dr. Jason Dolinsky being honored as Hatan Torah

Dr. Howard & Shereen Rutman, in honor of Jean Rosensaft being honored as Kallat

Dr. Howard & Shereen Rutman, in honor of Anne & Paul Corwin's son's marriage.

High School Food Pantry

Cantor Nancy Abramson, in honor of her birthday.

Joseph & Dorothy Bamberger, in honor of Shelly & Martin Spergel on the awarding of the prestigious Shaw award for outstanding contributions to science to their son, Astrophysicist Dr. David Spergel.

Natalie & Brett Barth, in memory of Nathan Prusan, father of Jody Prusan.

Paul & Anne Corwin, in honor of Jean Rosensaft and Jason Dolinsky.

Joshua & Meredith Davis, in honor of Joanne & Mort Davis' 50th Anniversary.

Leon Demb, in honor of Joan & Sylvan Schefler on their anniversary.

Leon Demb, in honor of Leslie Agisim on his birthday.

Leon Demb, in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson on her birthday.

Leon Demb, with thanks to Karen & Henry Glanternik.

Leon Demb, with thanks to Michael Brenner.

Beth & Michael Fruchtman, in memory of Jody Prusan's father Nathan Prusan.

Beth & Michael Fruchtman, in memory of Ron Koas' sister Drora Mike.

Racheline G. Habousha, in loving memory of her parents, Hayim and Adele Habousha.

Dorothy Lang, in loving memory of her mother Ida Kleinman.

Susan & Isaac Lemor, in honor of Jeannie Rosensaft being honored as Kallah B'reishit.

Ruth Levenson, in memory of her beloved father-in-law Milton Levenson.

Gabrielle & Joseph Levy.

Michael & Sharon Oberman, in honor of their anniversary.

Susan, Jeff, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Drora Mike, sister of Ron

Susan, Jeff, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in memory of Lynn Schneider.

Susan, Jeff, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman, in honor of Jean Rosensaft and Jason Dolinsky for their Simhat Torah honors.

Suzi & Brian Stadler, in memory of Henry Rutman, father of Howard Rutman.

Suzi & Brian Stadler, in honor of Jeff Silverman"s birthday.

Eugene Zinbarg, in honor of his birthday.

Roberta & Gene Zinbarg, in memory of Ron Koas' sister Drora Mike.

Prayer Book Fund

Sherry Cohen, in loving memory of Lynn Schneider, a dear friend. Andrea & Ivan Lustig, in memory of Lynn Schneider. Andrea & Ivan Lustig, in memory of Ron Koas' sister Drora Mike.

Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Anonymous, in honor of Tikkun Olam, especially Marlene Muskin, Laurie Harris and Leah Modlin for their dedication and commitment.

Lite & Arnold L. Sabin, in memory of Lynn Schneider.

Welfare Fund

Suzette, Andres, Noah & Alexa Rubinstein, in memory of Lynn Schneider.

Synagogue Offerings

Deanna Adler, in memory of her beloved brother Michael Zeitlin. Les Agisim.

Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, in memory of her beloved father-in-law Samuel Bachman.

Alan Block, in memory of his beloved father Paul G. Block.

Constance Breslin, in memory of her beloved father Eli Malcom Lane.

Bonnie Chajet, in memory of her beloved mother Muriel Loeb.

Marlene Charnizon, in honor of her birthday.

Samuel Cooper, in memory of his beloved father William Cooper.

Dr. Juliet Diller, in memory of her beloved mother Manya Cooper.

Irwin Engelman, in honor of Jean Rosensaft.

Elizabeth Feiner, in memory of her beloved father George Cooper.

Harriet Feiwel, in loving memory of her mother Libby Rich.

Joan Felder, in memory of her beloved father Irving Schlesinger.

Yola Gertel Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandmother Rifka Gertel.

Ellen & Bud Gibbs, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joanne & Morton Davis.

Marshall Gluck, in memory of his beloved wife Ruth R. Gluck.

Dr. James Goldman, in memory of his beloved wife, Mary Goldman.

Dr. James Goldman, in memory of his beloved father, Mandel Goldman.

Dr. James Goldman, in memory of his beloved mother-in-law Ida Gilbert.

Howard Goldschein, in memory of his beloved mother Giza Goldschein.

Barbara Gertel Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandmother Rifka Gertel.

Susan & Jerry Goodman, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joanne & Morton

Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of Gary J. Grad.

Richard Green, in memory of his beloved father William Green.

Efraim Grinberg, in memory of his beloved grandmother Mina Grinberg.

Louise Hamilton, in memory of her beloved father Milton Myers.

Dena Hirsch, in memory of her beloved mother Drazel Penberg.

Linda & Peter Hoffman, in memory of Herbert & Edythe F. Benjamin.

Judy & Wally Horowitz, in memory of Renee Yucht.

Gary & Dale Israel, in honor of their anniversary.

Helen & Steve Judlowe, in memory of Ruth Brause.

Miriam Kaplan, in honor of her birthday.

Marilyn Katz, in memory of her beloved mother Lillian Greenberg.

Dorothy Ann Kirsch, in honor of her birthday.

Janet Kramer, in memory of her beloved mother Esther Rosenfeld.

Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, in memory of Bessie Spiro, mother of Nancy Hirschtritt. Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Max Kramer, grandson of

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Milston. Joyce Levine, in memory of her beloved father Saul Celnik on his Yahrzeit.

Paul & Joyce Levine, in honor of Jean Bloch Rosensaft being honored as Kallat B'reishit.

Edward Lipiner, in memory of his beloved parents Regina & Edmund Lipiner.

Edward Lipiner, in memory of his beloved brother Jack Lipiner.

Miriam London, in honor of her birthday.

Larry Lurin, in memory of his beloved father Philip Lurin.

Dr. Ann Lyons, in memory of her beloved sister Ruth Moskowitz Gershon.

Ben Mendelsohn, in honor of his birthday.

Rise Norman, in memory of her beloved father Herbert Norman.

Michael Norwich, in memory of his beloved father Isadore Norwich.

Dr. Cynthia Pfeffer, in memory of her beloved mother Anna C. Pfeffer.

Dr. Brian Pollack, in memory of his beloved father Jacques Pollack. Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved brother Marvin Gansberg.

Robert Rifkind, in memory of her beloved father Simon Rifkind.

Estelle Roth, in honor of her birthday.

Robert de Rothschild, in memory of his beloved father Alain de Rothschild.

Robert de Rothschild, in memory of his beloved wife Debra de Rothschild.

Shereen Rutman, in memory of her beloved father Dr. Leon Gertel.

Sheldon Sachs, in memory of his beloved father Abraham Sachs. Sydney Silberman, in honor of his birthday.

Esther Silver, in memory of her beloved father Murray Altfeld.

Carol Silverstein, in honor of her birthday.

Alan N. Stone & D. Lesley Hill.

Sisterhood of Park Avenue Synagogue, in memory of Lynn Schneider, a cherished friend whom we will miss very much.

Dr. Helene Torker, in memory of her beloved father Morris Goldberg.

Ray Treiger, in memory of his beloved father Sam Treiger.

Harold Unger, in memory of his beloved father Jess Unger.

Jacqueline Wahl, in honor of her birthday.

Lois Weinberg, in memory of her beloved mother Myrtle Paul.

Lois Weinberg, in memory of her beloved father, Aaron Harry Paul.

Selma Weintraub, in memory of her beloved husband Morris "Tiny" Weintraub.

Krik Zachary & Susan Smirnoff.

Marlene Zausner, in memory of her beloved parents Jack & Bertha Klausner.

Arlyne Zeichner, in memory of her beloved father Irving Aaron "Al" Bailey.

Arlyne & Jonathan Zeichner, in honor of the birth of their grandson Jacob Cooper Zeichner, son of Cori & Joshua Zeichner.

PAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 2010 Kislev/Tevet 5771

Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office.

December

			1 24 Kistev 1st Hanukkah candle	2 25 Kislev 2nd Hanukkah candle	26 Kistev 3rd Hanukkah candle Candles, 4:11 pm	4 27 Kislev 4th Hanukkah candle Parashat Mi-ketz
			5:00 pm CS Parent Ed 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:20 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:00 pm Film Night - Srugim 7:00 pm Congregational Singers rehearsal 7:30 pm YCG Latke-Vodka Hanukkah Party	8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Shabbat Dinner w/	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah 10:00 am CS Zimriyah 4:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv
28 Kislev 5th Hanukkah candle	6 29 Kislev 6th Hanukkah candle	30 Kislev 7th Hanukkah candle Rosh Hodesh	8 1 Tevet 8th Hanukkah candles Rosh Hodesh	9 2 Tevet	10 3 Tevet Candles, 4:11 pm	11 4 Tevet Parashat Va-yiggash
9:00 am Men's Club Learning Minyan & Brunch 1:00 pm Hanukkah Art Workshop 2:00 pm Latke-Making Extravaganza 3:00 pm Jacob Stein & the Bakery Band	6:30 pm Hebrew classes 7:30 pm MASA'OT 7:30 pm Moonbeams	8:00 am Essential Essays 10:00 am Kitah Rishonah 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 5:00 pm Foundations of J. Family Living	5:00 pm Foundations of J. Family Living 5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:30 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 6:30 pm Vav Parents B'nei Mitzvah Meeting	8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:15 am Caffeine for the Soul 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service with Birthday Blessings 7:30 pm Singles Get-Together	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:15 am Sanctuary service 9:30 am Havurah 10:00 am Junior Congregation 4:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv 5:00 pm Young Family
12 5 Tevet	13 6 Tevet	14 7 Tevet 8:00 am Essential Essavs	15 8 Tevet	16 9 Tevet	17 Candles, 4:12 pm Fast of the 10th of Tevet	18 11 Tevet Parashat Va-y'hi
10:00 am CS Zayin trip to Museum of Jewish Heritage 11:00 am Project Ezra Post- Hanukkah Party	11:00 am Sisterhood Book Discussion 6:30 pm Hebrew classes 7:30 pm MASA'OT 8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion	0:00 am Kitah Rishonah 1:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought :00 pm Yiddish Club :00 pm Horim 101 :45 pm Info Meeting, Spring Israel Trip :30 pm Dr. Ken Stein Israel lecture	5:30 pm Tavim 6:45 pm Melton classes 7:15 pm Adult Bat Mitzvah class	9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 1:00 pm Sisterhood Whitney Museum Visit 7:30 pm Social Justice Study Group	8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am HaMishpachah Sheli 3:00 pm Food Pantry 5:00 pm Young Family Service 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service with blessing for Israel Trip	8:45 am Parashat HaShavua 9:00 am Sanctuary service 10:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 11:00 am R. Cosgrove Lecture 11:15 am YFE Shabbat programs 4:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv
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Saturday, January 15 | Shabbat Shirah — come for an especially musical service.

| 11:15 am | Young Family Shabbat Special for Tu BiShvat

Thursday, January 20 | Tu BiShvat

Sunday, January 23 | WEG Environmental Fair

Learn about electric cars, organic clothing, solar panels, recycling computers and other ways to "green" your life.

Friday - Saturday, January 28 - 29 | Shabbaton (see page 11)







